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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the Application of:**

CHANG ET AL.

CASE NO.: S00033 US NA

APPLICATION NO.: 10/752,399

GROUP ART UNIT: 1732

FILED: JANUARY 6, 2004

EXAMINER: P. BUTLER

FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING POLY(TRIMETHYLENE  
TEREPHTHALTE) FIBER

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This "Response" is submitted in connection with the Applicants' "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and is in response to the Final Office Action dated 16 November 2005 (and subsequent Advisory Action).

A Notice of Appeal against the final rejection was filed 16 February 2006. As a consequence, a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 requesting a two (2) month extension of time for filing this Amendment and Response (and corresponding "Request for Continued Examination") is also enclosed.

**REMARKS**

**Claim Rejection**

All of the claims remaining in this application (1, 3, 4, 6-8, 11-17, 20, 22-27, 29-34, 36-38 and 41-56) stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the disclosure of Howell et al (WO96/00808) in view of Hwo et al (US2002/0130433A1), Wandel et al (US2002/0132116A1) and Sun et al (US2002/0147298A1). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.